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MINNESOTA BULLETIN NO. 300-6-23

SUBJECT: LTP – WILDLIFE HABITAT INCENTIVES PROGRAM (WHIP)

**Action Due By: June 1, 2006**

Purpose. To distribute additional guidance relative to FY98 – FY99 (non-protracts) WHIP contracts with open obligations.

Expiration Date. September 30, 2006.

This is a follow up to MN Bulletin 300-6-14. A detailed review of FY98-FY99 WHIP contracts has identified a number of 5 year contracts that have expired. These expired contracts were included in the list of WHIP contracts with open obligations requiring status reviews (email MN Bulletin 300-6-14 dated 2/3/06). A spreadsheet of expired WHIP FY98-FY99 contracts will be sent to ASTCs and help expedite the field office status review process as no field review of expired contracts is required.

However, many of these participants are likely not aware that their contracts have expired and may be anticipating additional contract costs. Therefore, the field office shall send a letter to these producers, with a copy to the ASTC (FO) and SRC notifying them that their contract has expired and un-obligated cost share dollars are no longer available. These producers shall also be notified that, if interested, they are eligible to re-apply for a new WHIP contract in the future to establish practices that did not get applied under the original contract.

This notification shall be completed by June 1, 2006.

Direct questions you may have regarding program guidance to Mark Oja, State Biologist.

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